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
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- Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

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